

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on September 15, 2011, at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736 in Montgomery, Alabama with chairman and secretary present.

Board Chair, Leisa Askew, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including:
District III representative Leisa Askew - Board Chair
District IV representative Paula Johnson - Vice-Chair
District VI representative Mandy Andrews- Board Secretary
District I representative Sharon Argiro
District II representative William Wright
District V representative Esophia Clayborn
District VII representative James Ware

Executive Director Brenda Holden was present for the entire meeting. Ellen Leonard, Attorney for the Board, was present from the beginning of the meeting until 10:33 AM.

The Board welcomed Julie Wells as a guest to the meeting.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes:

A copy of the minutes from the July 28, 2011 Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Paula Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as they stand. James Ware seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Board Business:

- a. Ms. Brenda Holden reported that there are six open complaints. One complaint is on appeal.
- b. The Board reviewed and approved the list of new social work licensees. Paula Johnson made a motion to accept the list of new social work licensees. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. The Board discussed the issue of licensed social workers self-reporting administrative code violations. The Board was advised by Counsel that

- licensees making a self-report should be routed immediately to the Executive Director and sent through the established complaint process without being heard by any Board Member. This is to preserve the integrity of any future legal proceedings related to the case.
- d. Brenda Holden and James Ware met with representatives from the American Medical Association (AMA) to discuss the AMA's opposition to LCSWs making mental health diagnoses. The AMA made a request to alter the language of the bill to ensure any diagnosis would be made within the scope of social work practice. Ms. Holden sent sample language to the AMA and is awaiting a response.

New Board Business:

- a. Brenda Holden was invited to speak at the NASW meeting to be held on Oct. 1st.
- b. The Board discussed Tommy Watkins letter requesting consideration of prior supervision toward the LCSW. James Ware made a motion that the Board count supervision hours attained, by Mr. Watkins, from AIDS Alabama and Atonement, Inc. William Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PIP Applications:

- a. Nancy D. Johnson was approved for Clinical Social Work. Her request for Social Casework and Social Work Administration was denied.
- b. Debra Nelson-Gardell was approved for Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Social Work Research, and Social Work Administration.
- c. Kristy M. Phillips was approved for Clinical Social Work. Her request for Social Casework was denied.
- d. Lisa Wolanzyk was approved for Clinical Social Work.
- e. Vanessa S. Huggins was approved for Clinical Social Work.
- f. Karen C. Lewis was approved Community Organization, Social Work Administration, and Social Casework.
- g. Candace L. Strait was denied Social Work Administration.
- h. Shirley T. Worthington was denied for Community Organization.
- i. Donna McCarley was approved for Social Casework.
- j. Pamela Rawdon was approved for Clinical Social Work.

Other Requests:

- a. The Board discussed a proposed policy change from the ASWB regarding the acceptance, by members, of official score reports from the ASWB. The need to appoint a delegate and an alternate to vote at the meeting was discussed.
- b. The Board reviewed and discussed a request, from J. Douglas LeCheminant, to consider his work experience to qualify towards the LCSW. Paula Johnson made a motion to accept Mr. LeCheminant's

- previous supervision toward his Alabama LCSW supervision requirement. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Mandy Andrews, and James Ware. Opposing the motion: none. Abstained from the vote: William Wright, Esophia Clayborn, and Sharon Argiro.
- c. The Board reviewed and discussed a request, from J&K Seminars, to allow live webinars to satisfy the in-person CE requirement. Leisa Askew made a motion to deny the approval. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board agreed to take this request under advisement and do additional research regarding the State of Alabama's stance on incorporating technology to satisfy face-to-face requirements.
 - d. The Board reviewed and discussed a request, from Care Network of East Alabama, to assign their social workers with the responsibility of medication reconciliation. Ms. Julie Wells, of Care Network of East Alabama, addressed the Board regarding this request. Paula Johnson made a motion to approve the request. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - e. The Board reviewed and discussed Gwendolyn Dougherty's request for a CE waiver. Sharon Argiro made a motion to approve Ms. Dougherty's request. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, James Ware, and William Wright. Opposing the motion: none. Abstaining from the vote: Esophia Clayborn and Mandy Andrews
 - f. The Board reviewed and discussed Kathleen C. Bright's request to accept her work experience to qualify for the LCSW. William Wright made a motion to accept eighteen (18) months of supervision and require Ms. Bright to attain six (6) additional months of licensure supervision within the next twelve (12) months. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Esophia Clayborn, James Ware, William Wright, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. Abstaining from the vote: Sharon Argiro.
 - g. The Board reviewed and discussed Roseline Jimmeh's request for a CE waiver. James Ware made a motion to deny Ms. Jimmeh's request. William Wright seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Esophia Clayborn, James Ware, William Wright, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. Abstaining from the vote: Sharon Argiro.
 - h. The Board reviewed and discussed documentation submitted by Teresa Sarratt. At 11:58 AM, Mandy Andrews made a motion that the Board enter Executive Session, for fifteen (15) minutes, to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, Esophia Clayborn, James Ware, William Wright, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. At 12:10 PM, James Ware made a motion to leave Executive Session. William Wright seconded the

- motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Leisa Askew, Paula Johnson, Sharon Argiro, Esophia Clayborn, James Ware, William Wright, and Mandy Andrews. Opposing the motion: none. James Ware made a motion to acknowledge that Ms. Serratt has satisfied the requirements of her disciplinary agreement. Leisa Askew seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- i. The Board reviewed and discussed Mary Nolan-Schappell's request for the Board to reconsider her request for a CE waiver. James Ware made a motion to deny Ms. Nolan-Schappell's request. William Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board recessed for a 10 minute break at 10:33 AM. The Board came back into session at 10:43 AM.

This recorder left the meeting at 12:50 PM. Leisa Askew recorded minutes for the remainder of the meeting and this information has been included.

James Ware made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 PM. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2011 at 9:30 AM in the Board Conference Room. A Public Hearing will also be held that day at 10:00 AM in Suite 732 to discuss proposed changes to the Administrative Code.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Leisa Askew

Mandy Andrews